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SUBJ: NORTH VIETNAMESE ATTITUDE TOWARDS RECONSTRUCTION ASSISTANCE

ECAFE AND ASEAN: PRESS REPORTS

SUMMARY. ACCORDING TO PRESS, DRV MISSION LEADER STATES WISH FOR JAPANESE AND AMERICAN RECONSTRUCTION ASSISTANCE; REJECTS MULTILATERAL AID APPROACH; SAYS DRV WILL NOT JOIN ECAFE BUT WILL STUDY QUESTION OF ASEAN MEMBERSHIP. END SUMMARY.

1. NORTH VIETNAMESE MISSION UNDER LEADERSHIP OF HOANG QUOC VIET, ACTING CHAIRMAN, VIETNAM FATHERLAND FRONT CENTRAL COMMITTEE, HAS BEEN VISITING JAPAN SINCE OCTOBER 31 AT INVITATION OF JSP, JCP, SOHYO AND OTHER ORGANIZATIONS. PRESS HAS SPECULATED THAT MISSION MEMBERS MAY MEET GOJ OFFICIALS TO DISCUSS JAPANESE ASSISTANCE FOR VIETNAMESE RECONSTRUCTION, AND MOST RECENT PRESS REPORT INDICATES MISSION WILL MEET FONMIN OHIRA NOVEMBER 9. (SEE SEPTEL).

2. ACCORDING TO PRESS, VIET MADE FOLLOWING POINTS DURING INTERVIEWS WITH KYODO NOVEMBER 1 AND ASAHI SHIMBUN NOVEMBER 3:

A) AS RESULT OF MITI OCCUPATION OF VIETNAM, JAPAN OWES VIETNAMESE PEOPLE QUOTE BLOOD DEBT UNQUOTE. JAPAN SHOULD TAKE INITIATIVE AND PROPOSE GENEROUS RECONSTRUCTION ASSISTANCE. DRV WOULD

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THEN RESPOND BY MAKING KNOWN ITS WISHES AND INITIATING DISCUSSIONS WITH GOJ ON METHODS AND FORMS OF GOJ AID.

B) USG HAS DUTY AND OBLIGATION TO RESTORE WHAT IT DESTROYED. DRV DOES NOT REGARD USG PARTICIPATION IN RECONSTRUCTION AS QUOTE AID UNQUOTE, AND HAS NO INTENTION OF BEING GRATEFUL.

C) DRV CAN CONSIDER ONLY BILATERAL AID. MULTILATERAL AID FOR-MULA IS COMPLICATED, AND DRV CAN SEE USG FLAG BEHIND MULTILATERAL AID. DRV FEARS USG CONTROL THROUGH DRV ACCEPTANCE MULTILATERAL AID.

D) LIGHT INDUSTRY PLANS, SUCH AS PLANTS FOR MANUFACTURING AGRICULTURAL MACHINERY, WOULD BE PROPER FORM OF AID FOR VIETNAM.

E) DRV PARTICIPATION IN ECAFE IS OUT OF THE QUESTION, BUT DRVG WILL STUDY QUESTION OF JOINING ASEAN.

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